



☐ Executive Committee    ☐ District Leadership Council    ☒ Annual Meeting

**Wisconsin Conservation Congress  
Meeting Minutes**

<b>ORDER OF BUSINESS</b>	05/11/2018	9 AM	Tundra Lodge Green Bayt
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**I. ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS**

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

<b>Meeting called to order by</b>	Larry Bonde at 9 AM
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**B. ROLL CALL**

<b>ATTENDEES</b>	71 of 72 counties in attendance (5/11/18) 69 of 72 (5/12/18)
<b>EXCUSED</b>	
<b>UNEXCUSED</b>	Menominee County(5/11/18) Menominee,Brown and Shawnao. (5/12/18)
<b>GUESTS</b>	16 Youth Delegates(5/11/18) 9 Youth Delegates (5/12/18)

**C. Adoption of Rules of Order**

**Al Shook**

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	Roberts rules of order will be adopted to cover actions at this convention. As such the limitation of recognized speakers; allowed time of debate and method of rebuttal were stated.
<b>ACTION</b>	Motion to adopt by Waukesha County second by Vilas County. Motion carried.

**D. Agenda Approval and Repair**

**Larry Bonde**

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	Larry asked for some flexibility in agenda to accomodate speakers and presenters.
<b>ACTION</b>	Motion by Green Lake second by Waukesha to allow for flexibility on the agenda. Motion carried.

**E. National Anthem**

**Warden Clark Delzer**

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	Warden Delzer performed an outstanding rendition of our National Anthem!
<b>ACTION</b>	N/A

**F. Memorial Resolutions**

**Larry Bonde**

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	The following Wisconsin Conservation Congress delegates who passed away last year were entered into a memorial resolution: Dick Koerner Winnebago County Harold "Sonny" Ray Crawford County Ron Waller Vilas County David Withers Door County Armand Zastrow Jefferson County A moment of silence was observed and a copy of the memorial resolution will be sent to their families.
<b>ACTION</b>	As stated.

**II. INFORMATION & ACTION ITEMS**

**A. Chairs Addressed to the 2018 Delegation**

**Larry Bonde**

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	Larry started out by saying thanks to all the delegates and CDAC's for the tremendous efforts that they had put in this year. He also thanked the DNR staff as well for all of their hard work. Larry stated that this was a difficult legislative year on conservation issues, he thought that we had a champion to get the fee increase through the legislation process and was disappointed when we fell short. He is committed to trying again this coming year and reminded all delegates to contact their legislators when the proposal is brought forward. When the notice goes out for the needed support please take the time to contact all the affiliated clubs and organizations in your area expressing the need for their legislative support also. He also reminded everyone that this is an election year and if there ever was a time to talk to legislators and garner their support this is it.  Another issue of concern will be " Sportsman for Wetlands".The Wisconsin Conservation Congress needs to be involved in this along with so many other issues. We must get ahead of them, rather than always being behind the curve.  A big thank you go's out to the online voting committee for all the effort they put in. He urged that everybody moving forward call it a survey because this is not a binding vote. We as a Congress will be talking about this later on in the convention but he feels we need to engage the public more and commented that the DNR does many surveys without fraud being an issue. Once again he thanked the group for all the effort that they continue to do,and hav throughout the year!	
<b>ACTION</b>	Information only. No action taken.	
<b>PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE</b>	<b>DEADLINE</b>	

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## B. DNR's Leadership's Address to the Conservation Congress

Dan Meyer, DNR Secretary

DISCUSSION	<p>Dan started his presentation with the following updates since the last convention:          He was pleased to announce the first Elk Hunt ever in Wisconsin.          This year the pheasant hatchery at Poynette had a surplus of birds which allowed for a special holiday pheasant hunt not only did they reach their goal of 75,000 birds released they had 1700 extra allowing for the holiday hunt opportunity.          Columbia County public range is scheduled to open in late June this is the first public range in two decades.          Under the hunting and angling heritage programs there are grants of up to 50% for private ranges for public use. These are available to anyone, any interested party was referred to the DNR Website ("search grants").          The Kettle Moraine Springs Fish Hatchery secured \$26 million for renovation; this is in process and he mentioned that final approval should be received by July 1.          He thanked all CDAC's for their work and said that the final approval is expected at the next NRB meeting.          Fishing in Wisconsin is a vital part of our recreational dollars; over \$2.3 billion come into Wisconsin as a result of recreational fishers. The Wisconsin walleye initiative has been a key part of maintaining some of the interest to the sportsmen and women of the state and our visitors. The intent of the walleye initiative is to help rebuild natural reproduction of walleyes, along with stocking of larger fingerling's to accelerate this process. The walleyes that were stocked in 2013 should be available for harvest this year so we're looking forward to see the fruits of those labors. Maintaining and increasing the influx of fishing dollars in the state has helped provide much-needed dollars for improved infrastructure, \$4.6 million are assigned to the Woodruff Hatchery, \$2.5 million for the Spooner Hatchery and \$1.1 million to the Wild Rose hatchery.          The governor has requested and the department is responding with a bigger push to slow the spread of CWD, this is a national issue also. The department will be working with DATCAP to discover additional methods to slow the spread of CWD. Some of the areas identified are; additional fencing requirements for game farms that have CWD positive along with control of carcass movement within counties affected by CWD. There will be more Hunter field testing available but we can't do any of this without the continued support of the hunters and other stakeholders in this state. We thank you for all you've done as we continue our work to control this devastating disease.          He wanted to encourage the Congress to embrace the new technology that is available, the department has seen huge increases in public participation in all areas whether the new technology be in Facebook, Twitter, Instagram etc. He understands that later on in the convention we will have a discussion on some Congress initiatives also.          Dan stated that when he goes to the Dakotas to hunt pheasants he doesn't buy a license when he gets there, that is all purchased ahead of time prior to traveling. Many many states offer this option and he is pleased as Wisconsin transitions to allow for more and more of an automated opportunity not only for Wisconsin residents but for out-of-state visitors as well. He shot a deer last season on a Sunday morning he went into town to have breakfast and while he was waiting to be served he was able to register his deer.          Through our automated licensing system you are allowed to buy a license or register your deer online using just your phone. He mentioned that turkey registration online through the second season was at 17,238. 55% of the total license sales for turkeys was purchased online and of the extra licenses left over 50% of those were purchased online. "This is the way things are going and whether you agree with it or not we are not going back to the old ways, we need to stay with the technology available."          In closing he thanked the Congress for all that they have done and continue to do and hoped we have a very productive convention.</p>	
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## C. Governor Scott Walker's address to the 2018 Congress Convention

Governor Scott Walker

DISCUSSION	<p>The governor thanked the delegates from all the counties for the important work that they do, not only advising the Natural Resources Board but providing valuable input on many issues that come up throughout the course of the year. The governor said he was excited that he had the opportunity to appoint Dan Meyer as the DNR secretary, he's been in the position for a few months so he is relatively new to the position but he knew the Wisconsin Natural Resources issues. Most of you know that Dan not only served in the state legislature and also was a business and in Wisconsin for many years. One of the reasons I was happy to appoint him was his unabashed enthusiasm for hunting and fishing in our wonderful state.          The governor was excited about making a preliminary announcement (subject to NRB approval) of the acquisition of 20,900 acres in Sawyer County under that Conservation Easement Program. This program will allow public access to these acres for hunting, fishing, trapping and general public use in perpetuity. He pointed out that this new acquisition has both class 1 and class 2 trout streams located within its boundaries.          With the acquisition of this property it would mean that there is about 7.4 million acres open to public access in our wonderful state. He stressed that he feels the need no matter where you live in the state of Wisconsin to provide reasonable access not only to private but public lands for all the citizens to recreate on. He pointed out that like a lot of citizens in Wisconsin he did not get his love of the outdoors from his family but did get exposure to the outdoors from his time served as a Scout and Eagle Scout.          The great heritage of the state needs to be cultivated and mentored, fishing, hunting, trapping and outdoor education programs that are being sponsored throughout the state is a great way to mentor all new recreational users. Exposing them to a wide</p>	
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	<p>variety of the opportunities we have here in Wisconsin. The more opportunities that are offered to our citizens the more secure the future care of our natural resources becomes.</p> <p>He reported on his CWD Initiative; with a 61% increase in active reports on CWD he has initiated some additional programs in coordination with DATCAP to enhance and make more effective additional controls and existing protocols as well. The addition of the second fence at farms that have a CWD positive is one of the initiatives he proposed. He is also proposing a ban on the movement of live deer in counties where CWD has been identified. The third part of the proposal which will start out as an emergency rule will be to prohibit the carcass removal from a CWD positive county unless it is taken to a licensed taxidermist or meat processor. This proposal would still allow for the quartering of that deer during the field dressing process but not allow the spinal column and lymph nodes to be removed from the County. He pointed out that neighboring states have talked about some of changes; to his knowledge Wisconsin is taking a leadership role in this position. This is being done not only for the public safety but to help ensure the public's confidence in the process as a whole. He stated that he wants to be aggressive in handling this and he encourages any and all feedback on these proposals or future ideas as they come forward. The Governor was happy that he had an opportunity to participate again this year in the "Governor's Open". There was some concern as in other years as to whether or not the selected lake would be ice free but they pulled it off and he had a good time and thanked everybody that was a part of that. He that he could remember a few years back that not only was there an ice clogged lake that they were scheduled to fish but also a snowstorm the night before. It wasn't really the image that he wanted to project to out of state's as we encourage them to come to Wisconsin to fish given the weather situation.</p> <p>Overall he is quite proud of the Extended Growth Walleye Program, thinking back to 2013 when (450,000 extended growth walleye fingerling's) were planted. In 2017 (881,000 extended growth walleye fingerling's) were planted. That's just about a 100% increase. This initiative came about because of the lowering of bag limits and the lack of available harvest-able walleyes made his situation unattractive to anyone. The 2013 stocking should be at a harvest-able size for this year and he is committed to continuing this process into the future.</p> <p>The lack of ability to control wolves in this state continues to be a problem, he is committed to work with his federal counterparts in Washington to allow for the controls to begin a new on this species. There has been bipartisan support in the state legislature to move forward on this but it's locked up in litigation at the federal level and they need to make a positive decision. We can't do this alone we need help on this. It affects not only the deer population, but farmers in the northern area and whatever there grazing; this has a negative impact on their operation and lively hood.</p> <p>On another Natural Resources issue he finds it interesting that the Illinois Atty. Gen. is making an issue of air-quality in the state of Illinois and is pointing the finger at Wisconsin being the culprit. We here in Wisconsin have seen a dramatic reduction in the source of the emissions that negatively impacted air and water standards. Illinois sighted studies that showed the air and water quality issues became progressively worse as you got closer to Lake Michigan. Our findings appear to show that the prevailing winds from the south southwest are not Wisconsin born pollutants but suggest that they are coming from Illinois and other Southern states.</p> <p>The last issue that I'd want to update you on is the 13,000 new well paying jobs coming to Wisconsin, that being the Fox Con, operation. We are happy that these LCD devices are to be made in the United States and also proud that they will be made in Wisconsin. One discussion he has been hearing about in this proposal was a request from the Racine County for an additional 7 million gallons a day of water from Lake Michigan. On the surface this seems like a substantial increase but when you look at historic levels dating back to 1995 when Racine County was in its heyday of manufacturing. The water usage requested is a fraction of that consumption. He feels that Illinois may be a little jealous of Wisconsin for getting the Fox Con operation but the fact of the matter is this future development; for all the infrastructure changes needed, water consumption is still below what it was two decades ago. It was well within the guidelines back then and still less than 1995 and well below the Great Lakes Compact levels.</p> <p>Another area of concern with this project is wetlands mitigation. Current law states that if you alter a wetlands you have to mitigate at 1.2 acres to one to replace that lost wetlands. Fox Con's requirement is to replace the 16 1/2 acres of wetlands that are on the thousand acre site at a rate of 2 acres to one. He's finding it difficult to understand where all the push back is coming from. He cautioned everyone to verify what you see on the Internet because not everything there is true. Find out the facts understand them and then make a decision based on facts not on rumor.</p> <p>In closing he thanked again the Conservation Congress, it's leadership for all the efforts done for the citizens of this fine state and hoped we have a successful convention.</p>	
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## 1. Midwest Outdoor Heritage Education Expo (MOHEE)

Mark LaBarbera

DISCUSSION	<p>Mark started out his presentation with a short video clip from last year's Expo. This included the activities at the Mackenzie center and interviews from participants, chaperone's, and various presenters. This year's Expo will be May 16 and 17, 2018 and as in the past this event is a great learning experience. Mark thanked the Wisconsin Conservation Congress, Friends of the Wisconsin Conservation Congress and DNR staff and leadership for all the efforts that they put in to making this happen. He stressed that this program has a great tie in with the R-3 program (Recruitment, Retention and Reactivation). Think of it as a way to get youth involved and aware of what is out there and available to them. He believes that this truly will make individuals more informed voters and citizens on conservation issues as we move forward.</p>
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	<p>The attendance at last year's Expo was 2704 youth along with 503 adults and chaperone's. This year's attendance was looking to be even a bigger record setter until we receive a notification from the Waunakee School District. They have attended for many years but they informed us that members of the community had attended a school board meeting and complained that the Youth Expo was nothing more than a front for the National Rifle Association. This resulted in the cancellation of 200 students. In conversations with school administration and their board he was unable to convince them that even though there are between 35 and 40 presenting organizations the opportunity for the students to pick and choose which events they want to view and participate in.</p> <p>For instance if they do not want to attend the BB gun course which is run by the Wisconsin Hunters Safety Instructors Association they don't have to, their action was very disappointing. After thinking about this he became inspired to reach out to even more schools including the central cities of Milwaukee and Madison along with Northern Illinois. Places where students are not normally exposed to outdoor experiences. He is pleased to announce that as of today he has registrations of 2805 students and 561 parents and chaperone's. If Waunakee hadn't canceled we were on track to be 15% higher than 2017 which was a record-setting year. Thank you, thank you, thank you, thank you!</p> <p>Larry Bonde then introduced Rob Bohmann chair of the Friends of the Wisconsin Conservation Congress. Rob explained that in the past the Friends Group generated money through its raffles along with passing the hat for travel grant money. He has changed that up a little bit by using the gun raffles and walk around's to generate these funds. At this time he was pleased to present on behalf of the Friends of the Wisconsin Conservation Congress a check to Mark for \$3200 from the 2017 raffles.</p> <p>He reminded all the delegates that the current raffles are set and tickets are available. He urge them to dig deep to help out this worthwhile project.</p> <p>Larry then introduced Dale Maas who has been spearheading the Wisconsin Conservation Congress involvement in the Expo. Dale stated that this year's Expo which is May 16 and 17th of 2018. Set up for the event is Tuesday, May 15 at 1 PM. He along with Paul Gettelman Chairman Green Lake County, Jim Burmeister Vice-chair Columbia County and Harold Drake delegate from Dodge County will be involved in setting up and operating the display for the next two days along with tearing it down on completion of Expo. He asked for help from anybody within the area or even out of the area if they were willing to come and supplement some of the time. He stated there was a sign up sheet out in the hall entranceway next to the TV with highlights of youth involvement that would be showing at this year's Expo. He also stated that there is a need for new mounts to freshen up the existing display. He cautioned that they need to be presentable but anything that was available would be considered since there is discussion about starting a second trailer for the northern tier counties. Please contact either Dale or Paul if you have any mounts that you would be willing to donate, again the sign up sheet is out in the hall if you have any questions. Please feel free to contact him or Paul for clarification. He again stressed that the Congress has zero money available for this so this needs to be a donation. We would be willing to put a recognition sign if requested on any donated mount.</p>	
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## 2. Youth Conservation Congress Update

Trent Tom, YCC Oversight Committee Chair

DISCUSSION	<p>Trent started out by thanking his committee along with Kari Lee Zimmerman and Mike Schmit for all their work and a special thanks to the Congress Leadership for their support throughout the year. He then presented a Power Point presentation to review the 2017-2018 youth events.</p> <p>These included: electro-shock fishing as a fish counting demonstration by DNR biologist (2017).          Pizza party and social time for WCC and WYCC delegates (2017-2018).          Animal call demonstration (2017).          Fly fishing lure time in class (2018).          U.S. Fish and Wildlife tour of Cat Island, restoration project (2018).          One-on-one meetings with DNR representatives during the annual convention (2017-2018).          They also participated in a "Google calendar event sharing" in an effort to promote and strengthen the WYCC and familiarize themselves with available technology.</p> <p>The WCC conducted a delegate survey which identified over 50 interested mentors. They receive feedback on changes that could be made to better engage youth and mentors. Worked on matching up mentors with interested students and generated a list of biggest concerns including lack of participation opportunities and mentor requirements.</p> <p>Other progress:</p> <p>They are making progress on finding funding for a full-time coordinator for the WYCC.          Established a mentor code of conduct.          Open applications for younger interested youth.          Expanding school outreach.          Improve the youth welcome pack to include information for getting school credit or community service hours for participation.          Added questions to annual delegate profile to identify more potential mentors, and receive approval for background checks.</p>
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	<p>The youth delegates designed a logo for the WYCC.</p> <p>Establish an informational meeting for Saturday during the 2018 annual convention. And encouraged delegates to join the group Saturday at 7:30 AM during breakfast.</p> <p>They set the following goals for 2018-2019:</p> <p>Continue to pursue a full-time coordinator position.</p> <p>Increase number of participants in group activities throughout the year through the use of Google calendar.</p> <p>Increase number of youth delegates and mentors.</p> <p>Representation from all districts on Youth Congress Oversight Committee.</p> <p>Trent stated that as you can see from this report even though we do not have a full-time coordinator we have been able to make some dramatic process and he thanks everyone involved for all their help and effort on making this happen.</p> <p>(A copy of the Power Point presentation is available, contact Congress liaison).</p>	
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## 3. Social Media Outreach

Sawyer Briel, DNR Communications;  
Crystal Westfall, WCC Technology  
Committee

DISCUSSION	<p>Sawyer presented in Power Point presentation on: "Social Media a Powerful Tool to Reach Our Users."</p> <p>Trends:</p> <p>77% of Americans own a smart phone (up 35% from 2011).</p> <p>58% of all American adults have a Facebook account (70% of users visit the site daily).</p> <p>26% of all Internet users (53% between ages of 18 and 29) use Instagram.</p> <p>43% of Americans report often getting news online, (just seven percentage points lower than the 50% who often get news on television).</p> <p>In 2017, 67 million Americans (24% of Americans over the age of 12) listen to pod casts monthly (up 14% from 2016).</p> <p>How do we reach users?</p> <p>News releases, email, natural resources magazine, media, web, video, marketing and public meetings.</p> <p>DNR social media:</p> <p>Facebook: 110,000 followers (about 30% growth in 2017).</p> <p>Instagram: approximately 2200 followers (launched fall of 2017).</p> <p>Twitter: approximately 20,400 followers.</p> <p>You Tube: 2200 subscribers (~ 65% growth in 2017).</p> <p>New tools and why does it matter?</p> <p>New tool to reach new demographics (but, not moving away from current communication tools).</p> <p>Why do we need to gain "followers" and why does it matter?</p> <p>How do we measure success?</p> <p>What new opportunities does it give DNR and WCC?</p> <p>Plans-goals for 2018 and beyond:</p> <p>use of new tools (pod cast, web series) doesn't mean we will stop using other methods of communication-they complement what we are doing.</p> <p>Tell our story-share your stories from the field, our users need perspective for work done each day to improve their experiences in the outdoors.</p> <p>Be proactive-there's always a story to tell, we just need to find it!</p> <p>Looking for more? Check out our pages!</p> <p>Facebook: Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources.</p> <p>Instagram: wi_dnr.</p> <p>YouTube: WIDNRTV.</p> <p>Twitter:@WDNR.</p> <p>Where does the WC fit in?</p> <p>Current approach.</p> <p>Challenges.</p> <p>What does the future look like?</p> <p>(A copy of the Power Point presentation is available by contacting Congress liaison.)</p> <p>Chrystal followed up on Sawyer's presentation saying the" DNR has got it." If you look at the engagement and the numbers from their websites it is obvious that they have increased participation and reached their target audience. She is working with a great committee and she thanked them for their support and participation. She recognized Justin Loehrke her Vice Chair for all the work and effort he has put into it. And the support that Chairman Larry Bonde has provided along with his enthusiasm for the project.</p> <p>She explained some of the challenges that we have as a Congress expanding our involvement in social media, we are all volunteers and it's difficult for one individual to maintain and monitor at the level we are proposing. This is truly a team</p>	
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	effort, we are relying on you as advocates for the Wisconsin Conservation Congress and adds that as advocates we need you to participate in passing along information via social media. There is some basic information like what we heard today (\$2.3 billion a year generated from fishing), that's the type of information that we need to keep emphasizing to the public. In fact this information will continue to have a huge impact on how we do business. Technology, technology, technology, this is how we will communicate going on into the future. We are having and continue to have discussion on the subject of online voting, I just wanted to throw that out there that there are many ways to interpret the results of this polling process and the technology ties in with all the discussions we will have on that. Thank you for the opportunity to present this to you today I'm sure we will have a fruitful convention.	
ACTION	Information only. No action taken.	
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## 4. 2018 results of WCC Advisory Questions

Larry Bonde

DISCUSSION	<p>Larry reminded the delegates that this report deals with WCC questions 19 through 54.</p> <p>Question 19. Support for climate change science. 3590 yes 1840 no 65 counties approved 6 counties rejected 1 tie. Motion by Monroe County 2nd by Adams to advance. Motion carried.</p> <p>Question 20. Support water basin management plans to reduce and control runoff as partial mitigation for damage that has already or will occur? 4238 yes 1052 no approved 72 counties. Motion by Dodge County 2nd by Jefferson County to advance. Motion carried.</p> <p>Question 21. Panfish daily bag limit of 10 on Sherwood Lake, Clark County. 3153 yes 863 no 72 counties approved. Motion by Wood County 2nd by Door County to advance. Motion carried.</p> <p>Question 22. Add the Black River to the priority list of Lake Sturgeon rehabilitation waters. 3557 yes 635 no approved in 72 counties. Motion by La Crosse County 2nd by Jefferson County to advance. Motion carried.</p> <p>Question 23. Quality panfish management for the Chippewa Flowage, Sawyer County "Note: if supported, this regulation could be implemented following the initial evaluation of the experimental pan fishing regulations (2020)." 3341 yes 1066 no 69 counties approved three rejected. Motion Sawyer County 2nd by Price County to advance. Motion carried.</p> <p>Question 24. Reduce the combined daily panfish bag limit on Long Lake, Waushara County. "Note: if supported, this regulation could be implemented following the initial evaluation of the experimental panfish regulation (2020)." 3099 yes 978 no 70 counties approved 1 rejected 1 tie. Motion by Waukesha County 2nd by La Crosse County to advance. Motion carried.</p> <p>Question 25. Raise the minimum size limit for musky to 50 inches on White Sand Lake, Vilas County. 3179 yes 1084 no 71 counties approved 1 tie. Motion by Vilas County 2nd by Portage County to advance. Motion carried.</p> <p>Question 26. Raise the minimum size limit for musky to 50 inches on the Cisco Chain of Lakes (includes Big, Mamie, and West Bay Lakes) Vilas County. 3087 yes 1116 no approved in 71 counties 1 tie. Motion by Vilas County 2nd by Iron County to advance. Motion carried.</p> <p>Question 27. Largemouth and smallmouth Bass slot limit on Pike Lake, Chippewa County. 2919 yes 1052 no 66 counties approved 5 rejected 3 tie. Motion by Monroe County 2nd by Outagamie County to advance. Motion carried.</p> <p>Question 28. Establish a statewide 12-inch size limit and a 3-fish bag limit per day on Largemouth Bass. 2615 yes 2189 no 43 counties approved 25 counties rejected 4 tie. Motion by Dodge County 2nd by Outagamie to advance. Motion failed. Motion by Sawyer County 2nd by Ashland County to reject. Motion carried.</p> <p>Question 29. Northern Pike size limit reduction on Turtle Lake, Marquette County. 3096 yes 899 no 71 counties approved 1 County rejected. Motion by Jefferson County 2nd by Door County to advance. Motion carried.</p> <p>Question 30. Increase daily bag from 10 to 25 on Channel Catfish on Beaver Dam Lake, Dodge County. 2931 yes 1135 no 69 counties approved 3 counties rejected. Motion by Dodge County 2nd by Fond du Lac County to advance. Motion carried.</p> <p>Question 31. Open the inland trout season statewide on the 1st Saturday in April. 2735 yes 2083 no 51 counties approved 17 counties rejected 4 counties tie. Motion by Adams County 2nd by Clark County to advance. Motion carried.</p> <p>Question 32. Return to a 3 zone Mink muskrat season framework. 2921 yes 1224 no 67 counties approved 5 counties rejected. Motion by Door County 2nd by Jefferson County to advance. Motion carried.</p> <p>Question 33. Require in-person field day for all students under 16 in safety classes. (Requires legislation) 5472 yes 760 no 71 counties approved. Motion by Price County 2nd by Green Lake County to advance. Motion carried.</p> <p>Question 34. Change season limits for youth turkey tags. 2853 yes 2408 no 51 counties approved 19 counties rejected 2 counties tie. Motion by Langlade County 2nd by Waukesha County to advance. Motion carried.</p> <p>Question 35. Create lifetime hunting and fishing license. (Requires legislation) 3414 yes 1871 no 66 counties approved 6 counties rejected. Motion by Jefferson County 2nd by Eau Claire County to advance. Motion carried.</p> <p>Question 36. Create a "last chance" outdoor opportunity. (Requires legislation) 3507 yes 1765 no 66 counties approved 5 counties rejected 1 county tie. Motion by Clark County 2nd by Calumet County to advance. Motion carried.</p> <p>Question 37. Florescent yellow as option to wear during all firearm deer season. (Requires legislation) 2892 yes 2511 no 49 counties approved 21 counties rejected 2 counties tie. Motion by Monroe County 2nd by Juneau County to advance. Motion carried.</p> <p>Question 38. Allow deer tracking dog handlers to carry and dispatch wounded deer with a firearm. (Requires legislation)</p>
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	<p>3021 yes 2256 no 55 counties approved 16 counties rejected 1 county tie. Motion by a Ozaukee County 2nd by Kewaunee County to advance. Motion carried.</p> <p>Question 39. Dark-house spearing for Northern Pike on the Wisconsin portion of Wisconsin-Minnesota boundary waters of the Mississippi River. 1733 yes 2680 no 13 counties approved 55 counties rejected 4 counties tie. Motion by Outagamie County 2nd by Iowa County to reject. Motion carried.</p> <p>Question 40. Allow the unrestricted harvest of White Perch on Lake Superior waters. 3639 yes 837 no 72 counties approved. Motion by Bayfield County 2nd by Iron County to advance. Motion carried.</p> <p>Question 41. Allow the transfer of bear tags to Wisconsin senior hunters (older than 70 years old) (requires legislation). 3849 yes 1126 no 71 counties approved 1 county rejected. Motion by Ozaukee County 2nd by Iron County to advance. Motion carried.</p> <p>Question 42. Penalties for tilling land within 5 feet of channel or surface water. (Requires legislation) 4060 yes 1127 no 70 counties approved 2 counties rejected. Motion by Langlade County 2nd by Polk County to advance. Motion carried.</p> <p>Question 43. Designate all Karstic Wisconsin as sensitive areas. 3631 yes 1092 no 70 counties approved 2 counties rejected. Motion by Monroe County 2nd by Door County to advance. Motion carried.</p> <p>Question 44. Conduct hydrological surveys in counties lacking them. (Requires legislation) 3863 yes 873 no 70 counties approved 2 counties rejected. Motion by Pepin County 2nd by Brown County to advance. Motion carried.</p> <p>Question 45 ban the use of neonicotinoid insecticides on state owned agriculture and forest land. (Requires legislation) 4129 yes 719 no 71 counties approved 1 county rejected. Motion by Douglas County 2nd by Sawyer County to advance. Motion carried.</p> <p>Question 46. Wisconsin guide license requirements. (Requires legislation) 3882 yes 1190 no 71 counties approved 1 county rejected. Motion by Jefferson County 2nd by Polk County to advance. Motion carried.</p> <p>47. Do you support the legislature and the DNR working together to require a Wisconsin guide license applicant to show proof of First-Aid and CPR training. 3668 yes 1405 no 68 counties approved 4 counties rejected. Motion by Juneau County 2nd by Vilas County to advance. Motion carried.</p> <p>Question 48 increase guide license fees. (Requires legislation) 3196 yes 1926 no 58 counties approved 11 counties rejected 3 counties tie. Motion by Richland County 2nd by Eau Claire County to advance. Motion carried.</p> <p>Question 49. All non-motorized watercraft should be registered. 1636 yes 3660 no 2 counties approved 69 counties rejected 1 tie. Motion by Iron County 2nd by Fond du Lac County to reject. Motion carried.</p> <p>Question 50. Anyone who purchases a Hunting, Trapping or Fishing License would receive 1 non-motorized watercraft permit at no charge. 3310 yes 1740 no 69 counties approved 3 counties rejected. Motion by La Crosse County 2nd by Langlade County to advance. Motion carried.</p> <p>Question 51. Individuals who carry an active Hunting, Trapping or Fishing License would not require a permit while using a non-motorized watercraft. 5454 yes 1570 no 70 counties approved 2 counties rejected. Motion by La Crosse County 2nd by Iowa County to advance. Motion carried.</p> <p>Question 52. Create a group rate for organizations with multiple non-motorized watercraft. 2507 yes 2386 no 39 counties approved 33 counties rejected. Motion by La Crosse County 2nd by Richland County to advance. Paddle vote was requested. 39 counties voted yes 27 counties voted no. Motion carried.</p> <p>Question 53. Allow the use of large-caliber pneumatic rifles and bows for hunting large game. (Requires legislation) 1506 yes 3722 no approved in 1 County rejected in 71 counties. Motion by Dodge County 2nd by Fond du Lac County to reject. Motion carried.</p> <p>Question 54. Wolf application date change to December 10 for the Wolf season the following year. 3845 yes 1009 no 72 counties approved. Motion by Racine County 2nd by Waukesha County to advance. Motion carried.</p>	
ACTION	As stated above.	
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## D. 2018-2019 District Leadership Council election results.

Larry Bonde

DISCUSSION	<p>Wisconsin Conservation Congress District Leadership Counselors for 2018-2019 are as follows:</p> <p>District 1. Joe Weiss, Tony Blattner.</p> <p>District 2. Joel Taylor, Dave Larson.</p> <p>District 3. Mike Riggle, Steve Bodnik.</p> <p>District 4. Bob Ellingson, Ronald Krueger, Sr.</p> <p>District 5. Kevin Smaby, Terry Roehng.</p> <p>District 6. Stan Brownell, Al Lobner.</p> <p>District 7. Dale Maas, Bob Haase.</p> <p>District 8. Bret Weir, Larry Bonde.</p> <p>District 9. Dave Breunig, Mike Rogers.</p> <p>District 10. Kenneth Risley, Jane Meyer.</p> <p>District 11. Eugene Altwies, Scott Gunderson.</p> <p>The Convention adjourned for lunch at 12 Noon and reconvened at 1:06 PM.</p>
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## 1. Announcement of Learned to Hunt Bear Tag Recipient

Mike Rogers WCC Bear Committee  
Chairman

DISCUSSION	<p>Mike announced the 2018 Learned to Hunt Bear tag recipient as Kelly (Reagan) Moritz from Barrington, Illinois. Kelly is in the 3rd grade and wrote a great essay on why she wanted to learned to hunt bear. It was noted that Kelly is also a cancer survivor and also was a Hunter Safety graduate at the age of 7. Her father wrote a letter describing Kelly's challenges and how she has the strength to overcome all the adversity that she's been through in her young life. Her family expressed their commitment to the time and funds necessary should she be awarded this opportunity.</p> <p>Mike also wanted to thank Price County delegate Gary Mabie and his son Dave for all the effort that they have put in over the years in providing the opportunity for the youth hunters. It was noted that money was needed to purchase bait for the Hunter. A goodwill offering of \$825 was received from the delegates of the convention. A heartfelt thank you goes out to everyone that helped with the process.</p>	
ACTION	Information only. No action taken.	
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## E. Natural Resources Board Comments

Terry Hilgenberg Natural Resources  
Board Chair

DISCUSSION	<p>Terry thanked and welcomed the delegates to the convention, he gave a special thank you to Chairman Larry Bonde and Vice Chairman Al Shook for their work this last year. He also recognize past Chairman Rob Bohmann for all that he continues to do in support of the congresses mission.</p> <p>Terry proceeded to give his thoughts on how the Congress and the NRB can continue to work together for the benefits of the citizens of Wisconsin. Terry stated that he has been on the NRB board for 7 years and the last 3 as its chairman. Those years went by very quickly, the board is very busy and new agenda items come up quite often. To the delegates that have never been to an NRB meeting or those that continue to be interested he invited them to attend the monthly meetings, there's always an opportunity for public comment and he's proud of that. He stated that changes are becoming a constant and adapting to change (though difficult) needs to take place or we will become irrelevant. He noticed that the delegates to the convention sported more gray and silver hair. This is not unlike the realty business. He has been a Realtor for 40 years and stated the average age of a Realtor is 53 years old and a first-time home buyer is 35. He asked if the delegates could imagine the difficulty to communicate? Terry commented that it's tough to stay in business if you keep on doing the same things over and over. You need to change how you do business and never forget who your customer is. To aid this the DNR has made some bold moves and investments to expand its technology base. This is done throughout all levels of the social media, names we hear are Facebook, Snap chat, Twitter and You Tube and probably many more that he can't remember. He stated that we must embrace technology to stay relevant, not only the DNR the NRB but the Wisconsin Conservation Congress. The possibility of use of secure technology is coming before the Congress and you have an opportunity to embrace that in the next day or so. He urged us to keep to our core values, he mentioned an old saying "tend to your knitting" he urged that the Congress not go outside of its core area and stick to issues pertaining to hunting, fishing and trapping. Our relevancy with the public, the DNR, the NRB and the legislature is at stake. We all have people to report to, the NRB reports to many including request from the legislators on a frequent basis. They are called to task on many occasions to explain their adherence to core issues. Limited resources command that we need to focus our funds to make sure we stay relevant. The NRB needs your input to stay strong and be a voice of the people and he thanks us for our help and leadership. Your organizations leadership works well with the NRB board and the DNR in providing public input as we make some tough decisions. In the end we all have a day job but he thanked us for all we do for the citizens of Wisconsin and wished us a successful convention.</p>	
ACTION	Information only. No action taken.	
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## 1. Southwest Wisconsin CWD, Deer and Predator Project Update.

Dan Storm, Deer and Elk & Nathan  
Roberts, Furbearer Research Scientists

DISCUSSION	<p>They started out with a Power Point presentation with the following highlights:</p> <p>They emphasized the importance of monitoring marked individuals from the population as a vital tool to the research. In the past the use of VHF telemetry was labor-intensive, location estimates were not as precise, they offered a limited number of locations per individual and could lose animals to dispersal.</p> <p>The new GPS telemetry allows locations to be automatic-no fieldwork. Locations are highly accurate, and thousands of locations per individual, per year are possible.</p> <p>With this new technology they have the capability to monitor any animals habitat use and movement, deer dispersal, bobcat breeding and coyote movement. The technology also allows for birth alerts and mortality alerts. For further information he</p>	
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	encouraged people to use the Wisconsin DNR website and go to the search engine and type in "deer research". (A copy of the Power Point presentation is available, contact Congress liaison).
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## 2. Fisheries Program Updates

Justine Hasz, Bureau Director, DNR  
Fisheries Management

DISCUSSION	<p>Justine presented the following information in a Power Point presentation.</p> <p>Staffing: Filled 27 position since beginning of 2017.</p> <p>Recruiting: 1 Lake Specialist Biologist. 1 Policy Specialist. 7 Hatchery Technicians. 1 Team Supervisor (Lake Superior). 1 Veterinarian-Microbiologist.</p> <p>Her department has started on the 1st official Trout Management Plan involving a stakeholder group for public issues and concerns. They expect NRB approval late 2018 or early 2019.</p> <p>They are also reviewing and updating the current Lake Superior Management Plan and have conducted meetings of stakeholders for public issues and concerns and expect NRB approval late in early 2019.</p> <p>They are currently also reviewing and revising a current ten-year Sturgeon Management Plan. They expect to expand the plan to incorporate other Sturgeon species. They are involving again a stakeholder group for public issues and concerns and expect NRB approval early in 2019.</p> <p>As far as cold water fisheries stocking for 2017 the results are as follows: Chinook Salmon-813,386, Brown Trout -549,902, Coho Salmon-445,814, Steelhead-423,843, Lake Trout -76,294, Splake-53,845, Spotted Musky -8683, Sturgeon -1650 for a total of 2,373,417. These are combined totals for both Lake Michigan and Lake Superior.</p> <p>On the warm water fisheries stocking side: Wisconsin walleye initiative, 2017 stocked out 881,977, the 2018 production goal is 796,688. We are committed to continue partnerships with tribes and private aquaculture and the budget contains funding for this initiative through June 2019. Of the total numbers the state raised 10,166,415 and our partners raised 26,385,358.</p> <p>Another new program to engage anglers is Trout Regulation Opportunity User Tool (T. R. O. U. T). This tool includes trout fishing regulation, classified trout water, public land and DNR fishing easements. And new for 2018 added habitat work from 2011-2016. We are also in process of creating a companion tool for individual lakes.</p> <p>Like other divisions are reaching out anglers through the use of social media tools (Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, YouTube, etc.) we are also currently posting survey work on Instagram. Another tool to engage anglers was initiated in October 2017 through Facebook, it's called 1st fish Facebook live to date we have had 5 segments with 130,000 views and was reached by 320,000 people. This tool is focusing on giving viewers an inside look at what we do and how it improves their outdoor experience. The videos are also copied to the DNR YouTube channel where we reach more people, stay tuned there will be more coming.</p> <p>She also took time to thank the many Congress delegates that have helped and supported the fisheries personnel throughout the year and wish the delegates a successful convention.</p> <p>(A copy of the Power Point presentation is available, contact Congress liaison).</p>	
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## 3. Wildlife Program Updates

Eric Lobner, Bureau Director, DNR  
Wildlife Management

DISCUSSION	<p>Eric's Power Point presentation contained the following:</p> <p>Expansion adopt the wildlife area.</p> <p>Increased outreach.</p> <p>Facebook live events.</p> <p>Analytics focused on the impact of these events, Deer, CDAC, Elk, Waterfowl and Game Farm-Christmas Pheasants.</p> <p>Personnel accomplishments: hired a grazing specialist, (in effort to implement this program in 2018.)</p> <p>Continued with the workload analysis implementation and building new partnerships throughout the state.</p> <p>Things for hunters:</p> <p>Wisconsin Elk Hunt-2018 (RMEF Conservationists of the Year).</p> <p>Rolling out the new hatchery at the Poynette State Game Farm with the grand opening event and being able to provide additional stocking of 1700 birds on 5 properties for a Christmas Pheasant Hunt. A social media campaign reached over 480,000 people with great participation from hunters, the property saw heavy use.</p>	
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	<p>WHPF Wildlife Habitat Partnership Fund which is a Pittman Robertson funded program with goals to restore and enhance priority wildlife habitat in Wisconsin. Through diverse and innovative partnerships; increase the acreage of land accessible to hunting and trapping and increase public awareness and appreciation for conservation accomplishments of partners. Increased CWD efforts as a result of 2 new positives; additional efforts include the new focus protocol and increased surveillance.</p> <p>The Voluntary Public Access program is thriving under the leadership of Annie Reis who secured approval to use Pittman Robertson funding to continue the program if we don't get another farm bill grant. We recently signed up two 1000 acre parcels. We've also expanded the program to cover Turkey zones 1 and 3 and have several large sign-ups there.</p> <p>Changing workforce.</p> <p>In the 2016-17 biannual budget 5.5 positions were cut in 2016 and 2 additional in 2017. Strategic alignment effort resulted in 10.5 positions transferred out of program. This amounted to \$492,000 transferring out of the program and receiving positions from Parks and Recreation management for habitat work yielding a total net loss of 16 positions over the last 4 years. The alignment means wildlife management staff will no longer be responsible for recreation-based property management (parking lots, boundary posting, etc.) 3.5 positions will be more the park and rec management. Forestry will be assuming a lead role in prescribed burning as 6 positions were transferred to forestry. Hunter recruitment and retention will be led by law enforcement which meant a reduction of one position to law enforcement for R-3 and wildlife management research needs will be consolidated within the Office of Applied Science.</p> <p>Changes are not always bad, it allowed us to focus on our strength which is understanding wildlife trends, expanded impact on wildlife populations and recreational opportunities through habitat management on a broader range of properties.</p> <p>Wildlife program specialization will focus on wildlife population monitoring health and management, habitat planning and management and private land guidance, wildlife education, communication and outreach. It will also focus on hunting and trapping stakeholder involvement and season development.</p> <p>West Nile Virus monitoring in grouse became an issue in fall of 2017 the department is collaborating on regional monitoring effort with the states of Minnesota and Michigan.</p> <p>The wildlife department currently has 22 FTE vacancies, we are in need of 10 wildlife biologist, 7 technicians, 1 grazing specialist, 1 wildlife health conservation specialist, 1 communication-outreach specialist, 1 property supervisor at Meadow Valley and 1 deer biologist. We are in constant review of how we do business to provide the best possible plans for the budget money available.</p> <p>Eric closed by thanking all the members of the Congress for all the work that they provide the department throughout the year.</p> <p>(A copy of the Power Point presentation is available, contact Congress liaison).</p>	
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## 4. Law Enforcement Program Update

Todd Schaller, DNR Chief Warden

DISCUSSION	<p>Todd's presentation covered a few year end review items (staffing, work effort) and LE specific alignment changes. He stated that the class of 2017 conservation wardens (12) were assigned to their stations. The fall of 2017 warden graduations yielded (9) additional wardens put on station. He is allocated 209 credentialed positions (July 2018-2022) but he currently has 28 vacant LE positions and 1 vacant Investigator position.</p> <p>As far as workload in 2017 there was a total of 177,133 patrol contacts a majority of them (75,876) related to Fishing, 2nd was (37,999) Boating and 3rd was (32,613) for Hunting. Hotline complaints in 2017 total (7172) with (2173) hunting, (~1596) environmental and (863) fishing rounding out the top 3.</p> <p>Because of the need to upgrade radio communications an additional benefit included was a GPS locator function that will allow dispatch to identify the location of any warden (in service) which will allow a more efficient dispatching of personnel.</p> <p>The R-3 program has now been assigned to law enforcement with additional staffing made available, this will dovetail nicely with our safety education programs. Speaking of which with the reorganization we now have 10 regions within our recreational safety and outdoor skills program currently there are 5 openings for staff. Remember with the reorganization, recreational safety officers are no longer a credentialed position.</p> <p>Todd again thanked all the delegates the Conservation Congress for all their efforts throughout the year and he truly believes the state is better for all the dedication and effort supplied by the Wisconsin Conservation Congress.</p> <p>(A copy of the Power Point presentation is available, contact Congress liaison).</p>	
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## 5. Forestry Program Update

Heather Berklund, Deputy Division Administrator

DISCUSSION	<p>Heather gave a Power Point presentation on the forestry program stating the following:</p> <p>The economic impact to Wisconsin provides 1200+ primary and secondary forest products companies. For every job in forestry 1.7 additional jobs are created.</p> <p>Wisconsin has been the number 1 paper making state in the nation for over 60 years.</p> <p>Some of the direct economic effects are forestry and logging create 5957 jobs with an output of \$435 million in value added of \$206 million. Pulp and paper employed 31,372 jobs with an output of \$19.2 billion in an added value of \$4.1 billion. Sawmills and wood products generate 27,568 jobs than output of \$5.1 billion and a value added of \$1.6 billion so he added altogether 64,896 jobs are created \$24.7 billion of output and \$5.9 billion of value added.</p> <p>As you can see when all the financial considerations are reviewed it is obvious that forest management is very important for the economic growth of the industry in Wisconsin but even more important as we move forward, forest management practices must provide for healthy wildlife habitat and be a part of a healthy ecosystem.</p> <p>What are some of the forest land use trends, large blocks of industrial forests are changing hands, private forest parcel size decreasing and the number of small forest owners increasing. With increasing development our forests are becoming more fragmented as road and housing density and personalization increase, this also results in less forest and land open for public use.</p> <p>Since 1968 Wisconsin's forests have become more middle-aged with fewer acres in the very youngest and very oldest age classes. Forest land ownership breaks down as follows: only 30% of the forest and land in Wisconsin is owned by the government, and the biggest public ownership is county at 15%. Private individuals and families own nearly 60% of the forest in Wisconsin. The remaining 13% is tribal plus corporations and NGOs. Thus an important part of our DNR forestry program is working with these private forest landowners by providing technical and financial assistance and encouraging more landowners to practice good forestry through tax incentives and outreach and education statewide, 17 million acres of forest land. State lands equal 1.5 million acres. County lands equal 2.4 million acres in 29 counties. National forest comprise 1.5 million acres.</p> <p>Landowners are guided by plan, connected to resource professionals, and are actively engaged in making informed decisions about the management of their woodland.</p> <p>The private forestry program strategy includes: developing a process and plan, cultivating different steps of the process and involve different sectors, building partnerships and capacity within the forest industry. This includes, walk-throughs, media activities, workshops, tree farm activities partnerships with an RCS, outreach and education and new Forester training and continuing education. Forestry will integrate partners, identify needs, develop new content and technology along with media support.</p> <p>What is changing.</p> <p>We are creating a new position to develop and direct outreach campaigns and assistance to private Woodland owners.</p> <p>We are increasing the number of hours that are field Forester's have available to assist private Woodland owners with grant programs, stewardship plans, tree planting plans, and other non tax law related needs.</p> <p>We are investing in contracts with local organizations, NGOs, UW extension, and other groups to develop and facilitate outreach campaigns with Woodland owners.</p> <p>Fire operations.</p> <p>So far in 2018 we have experienced 473 wildfires that burned 1245 acres (five-year average approximately 400,880 acres. The number 1 cause was debris burning. We also conduct prescribed burns and so far this year we have completed 101 for a total of 18,870 acres.</p> <p>We have received national recognition for how we help the less forest service meet their sustainable allowable harvest on Chequamegon-Nicollet National Forest. We were praised by third-party certification auditors on our effort to manage state, county, and private tax law lands sustainability. Our fire operations mobilized 89 employees on hundred and 14 out-of-state assignments (Great Lakes Forest Fire Compact Agreement), 9 states, 2 provinces (Ontario and British Columbia), and Puerto Rico. We maintain a great partnership with local fire departments. Our incident management teams with local emergency responders, responded to blow down and tornadoes involved with a response to hurricane Harvey in Texas. Our forestry headquarters moved north on October 25, 2017. Our forestry headquarters is located in the Rhinelander service center.</p> <p>Moving forward into 2018 our overall goals are as follows:</p> <p>Continue to implement alignment, our property managers will be working with law enforcement and parks on state forest properties, and prescribed burn planning and prioritization on those properties. As additional personnel arrive at our new headquarters in Rhinelander we will continue to improve the efficiencies. We will begin incorporating Wisconsin Forest practice study recommendation into our new guidance handbooks and continue partnership collaboration training and education.</p> <p>The division of forestry's stated purpose is as follows:</p> <p>To work in partnership to protect and sustainable manage Wisconsin's forest ecosystems to supply a wide range of ecological, economic and social benefits for present and future generations.</p> <p>Thank you for your attention and interest in Wisconsin Forest Management.</p> <p>(A copy of the Power Point presentation is available, contact Congress liaison).</p>
ACTION	Information only. No action taken.

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## 6. 2018 DNR-NRB Spring Hearing Results

Scott Loomans, former Fisheries Rules Coordinator and Scott Karel, Wildlife

DISCUSSION	<p>Scott Loomans presented the fisheries rules questions:</p> <p>Question 1. Establish a state wide, continuous open season for bass fishing but allow harvest only during the current traditional season. 2995 yes 2554 no approved in 29 counties rejected in 21 counties 2 tie. Motion by Monroe County 2nd by Dodge County to advance. A paddle vote resulted in 35 yes, 29 no. Motion carried.</p> <p>Question 2. Establishing alternate size and bag limits for permitted, catch-and-release bass fishing tournaments. 3033 yes 2412 no approved and 50 counties rejected in 20 counties 2 tie. Motion by Pepin County 2nd by Clark County to advance. A paddle vote resulted in 40 yes, 23 no. Motion carried.</p> <p>Question 3. Review panfish regulations on Mississippi River. 4395 yes 883 no approved in all 72 counties. Motion by Lincoln County 2nd by Taylor County to advance. Motion carried.</p> <p>Question 4. Review game fish regulations on the Mississippi River 4456 yes 743 no approved in all 72 counties. Motion by Barron County 2nd by La Crosse County to advance. Motion carried.</p> <p>Question 5. Increasing the size limit for Sturgeon on Lake Superior 3889 yes 1247 no 70 counties approved 2 counties rejected. Motion by Price County 2nd by Lincoln County to advance. Motion carried.</p> <p>Question 6. Favor increasing the minimum length limit for Walleye, Sauger and their hybrids from 15 inches to 18 inches and reducing the daily bag limit from 5 to 3 and maintaining the year-round open season on Lake Koshkonong and the Rock River from Indianford Dam to the Jefferson Dam. 2887 yes 1659 no approved in 61 counties rejected in 10 counties 1 tie. Motion by Dane County 2nd by Dodge County to advance. Motion carried.</p> <p>Questions 7. Favor a season closure during the standard game fish closure for all game fish on Lake Koshkonong and the Rock River from the Indianford Dam to the Jefferson Dam, but maintaining the 5 fish bag and 15 inch size limit for walleye, sauger and their hybrids. 2660 yes 1734 no 64 counties approved 8 counties rejected. Motion by Monroe County 2nd by Dodge County to reject. Motion carried.</p> <p>Question 8. Reduce the walleye bag limit from 5 to 3 on the Lake Winnebago system. 3336 yes 1816 no 63 counties approved 9 counties rejected. Motion by Calumet County 2nd by Ozaukee County to advance. Motion carried.</p> <p>Question 9. Reduce mortality of flathead catfish by expanding the prohibition on use of whole-live fish for bait, when using set lines or bank poles, to include the upper Fox River in Winnebago County, Green Lake County, Marquette County and Waushara Counties and the Wolf River in Outagamie County, Shawano County, Waupaca County and Winnebago County. 3295 yes, 1529 no, 66 counties approved 5 counties rejected 1 tie. Motion by Waupaca County 2nd by Winnebago County to reject. Motion carried.</p> <p>Scott Karel presented the wildlife rules questions:</p> <p>Question 10. Require that deer harvested in a CWD-affected county must only be transported within that county or an adjacent CWD-affected county, unless taken to a licensed taxidermist or meat processor within 72 hours. 3102 yes 2617 no 50 counties approved 21 counties rejected one tie. Motion by price County 2nd by Lincoln County to advance. A paddle vote showed 34 yes 31 no. Motion carried.</p> <p>Question 11. Move the close of pheasant season daily shooting hours on public properties stocked with pheasants from 2 PM to 12 PM on weekdays from the 3rd day of the pheasant season through November 3. 3631 yes 1715 no 70 counties approved 1 county rejected one tie. Motion by Dane County 2nd by Dodge County to advance. Motion carried.</p> <p>Question 12. Modify the closed area on certain wildlife refuges to provide additional trapping opportunities. 2913 yes 2011 no 61 counties approved 10 counties rejected one tie. Motion by Dodge County 2nd by Waukesha County to advance. Motion carried.</p> <p>Question 13. Allow lures-baiting during the close season for trapping fur-bearing animals for nuisance wildlife control purposes. 4293 yes 1066 no 71 counties approved 1 rejected. Motion by Door County 2nd by Taylor County to advance. Motion carried.</p> <p>Question 14. Allow trapping within 15 feet of beaver dams on private land, with permission from the landowner. 4235 yes 1189 no 71 counties approved 1 County rejected. Motion by Portage County 2nd by Taylor County to advance. Motion carried.</p> <p>Question 15. Allowed trappers to keep raccoon incidentally trapped in beaver sets during the close season for raccoon. 4795 yes 741 no 72 counties approved. Motion by Racine County 2nd by Fond du Lac County to advance. Motion carried.</p> <p>The following are NRB Board Advisory Questions:</p> <p>Question 16. Establish a funding source for management of state public lands. (Requires legislation) 3378 yes 2411 no 49 counties approved 22 counties rejected 1 tie. Motion by Taylor County 2nd by Rusk County to reject. Motion failed. Motion by Price County 2nd by Adams County to advance. Motion carried.</p> <p>Question 17. Eliminate the group deer hunting law. (Requires legislation) 2124 yes 3708 no 8 counties approved 64 counties rejected. Motion by Kenosha County 2nd by Douglas County to reject. Motion carried.</p> <p>Question 18. Support the DNR adjusting the length of the crossbow season, for those that are not disabled or elderly, to better reflect harvest success rates of bucks similar to the gun season and archery season. 2660 yes 3164 no 18 counties approved 64 counties rejected. Motion by Forest County 2nd by Outagamie County to reject. Motion carried.</p>
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As stated above.	

## 7. Scholastic Clay Target Program

Gary DeSmit, Wisconsin State Advisor  
SCTB

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	<p>Gary presented a Power Point presentation on the scholastic clay target program (SCTP). What is SCTP? It is a team-based youth development program teaching honesty, integrity, sportsmanship, respect, responsibility, and teamwork. "We prepared today's youth to be the leaders of tomorrow". We encourage our student athletes to have Hunter Safety, we have a SCTP handbook with rules we must follow and our athletes have to follow the school's code of conduct for each school they belong to. Our teams must have a head coach and each team may have several assistant coaches and adult volunteers, they all have to go through training and background checks. We follow our NGB-S rules for each shooting discipline, ATA, NSCA, NSSA and USA Shooting.</p> <p>Our mission statement: SCTP is a youth development program where adult coaches and volunteers model sportsmanship, responsibility, and teamwork while using shooting sports programs to teach these and other positive life skills to SCTP athletes.</p> <p>The Wisconsin program is governed by a board of state advisors made up of 7 representatives throughout the state, we are all volunteers. The duties of the advisors are to help promote the growth of SCTP within the state, organize and manage the Wisconsin state shoots, assist in formation of new teams, be the 1st contact for questions, concerns or suggestions from coaches, athletes and parents. We must ensure a level playing field within the guidelines of the SCTP handbook. Since its establishment in Wisconsin in 2015 we started with 79 teams as of now in 2018 we have ~130 teams involving ~ 4,000 athletes. Our teams are all self-funded, raising money through many different events from bake sales, gun raffles, miscellaneous raffles, fish fries etc. Most of our team shooting facilities help out our programs by offsetting costs for student athletes shooting. Most of our teams have an endowment account through Midway USA foundation. I should probably explain some of the acronyms I used earlier ATA is Amateur Trap Shooting Association, NSCA is National Sporting Clays Association, NSSA is National Skeet Shooting Association and USAS is USA Shooting.</p> <p>The backbone of SCTP programs are the parents, adults and volunteers who organize and run the program on the local and state level. Any successful youth program will always have a few dedicated passionate adults working in a leadership and guidance role. The amount of time, energy, and financial resources that these dedicated adults contribute to the program is staggering. However when you meet the wonderful young athletes that the program produces, you will understand quickly why it is worth it and why they do what they do. The participants in the scholastic target program are some of the finest young people you would ever want to meet.</p> <p>Thank you for the opportunity to present to this organization a wonderful and powerful tool that is available throughout the state of Wisconsin. If anybody is interested in starting this program please contact: Perry Hintz phintz36@gmail.com or Perry Hintz_WI SCPT.</p> <p>(A copy of the Power Point presentation is available, contact Congress liaison).</p>	
<b>ACTION</b>	Information only. No action taken.	
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## F. Online Voting Exploratory Committee Presentation

Paul Reith and Mark Schultz

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	<p>Mark and Paul gave a short Power Point presentation from the online voting exploratory committee, Larry asked that this be just a presentation today and that tomorrow prior to voting on the question they'll be ample time for questions and answers. The high points of the presentation are as follows:</p> <p>Committee Charter:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Explore options for utilizing electronic methods to gather meaningful public input on spring hearing items.</li> <li>Evaluate options to determine their associated impacts on the WCC process and the feasibility of implementation.</li> <li>Provide WCC District Leadership Council with a final report of options, expected outcomes, and a recommendation.</li> </ul> <p>There were 11 goals identified by the committee.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Increase unique participation-feedback on ideas.</li> <li>Increase distribution of science-based information.</li> <li>Increase the relevancy of the WCC.</li> <li>Increase the ability of the organization to advise the DNR and Legislature.</li> <li>Increase trust-confidence in the process and input coming out of it.</li> <li>Ability of the WCC and DNR to make better-informed decisions.</li> <li>Ability of the WCC to be more responsive to constituents.</li> <li>Require better information and background on questions.</li> <li>Increase awareness of the WCC.</li> <li>Create process uniformity.</li> <li>Create a level playing field for people to give input.</li> </ul>
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	<p>Committee vision of the new proposed process.</p> <p>Currently an individual signs in and receives a (spring hearing input form and resolution input form.)  For 2019 the committee is proposing no change.  Recommended online options; participants have the option to give input online using a verifiable code rather than fill out a weight input form, and are counted in county vote on spring hearing questions only. Persons providing input online without verifiable code will be counted towards state total (spring hearing questions only).  Currently the next step is citizens resolutions accepted. For 2019 citizen resolutions should be typed (otherwise no change).  Recommended online options;*no change, resolution submittal and input in person only.  Delegate elections;*no change.  Currently input forms are filled out and returned. For 2019*no change.  Recommended online options; online input will be accepted for 3 days beginning at 7 AM on the 2nd Monday in April.  Currently results are posted the following day. *In the future if this is acceptable posting results will occur later than the typical next-day posting.  To summarize this portion of attending the spring hearing see below.  1. Participants arrive at spring hearing in each county.  2. Participant have the option upon signing in to receive paper ballot to provide input or a unique code, specific to the county to provide input online.  3. Citizen resolution submittal and input will occur as usual.  5. Delegate elections occur as usual.  6. Spring hearing occurs as usual.  7. Participants providing input online will have 3 days to do so.</p> <p>Other options.  1. Use Survey Monkey in a modified form allowing only for yes or no answers.  2. Allow use of Survey Monkey online, this would allow for more robust questions to receive better responses and will also allow the option for users to skip questions that they do not need to answer. Technology would allow the addition of animation so that every question as it was advanced, a slide would drop in a new picture that would easily show additional information.  In the future this process will allow for even more robust questioning and response from the users. There is potential to advance help people provide input, and where they provide input using Survey Monkey. Users can choose to provide input on local issues in counties that they recreate in or only answer questions about the activities a participate in such as "fishing" and only fishing questions would be presented.  Adult technology usage in the US.  We live in an ever increasing technology-centric world. 24% of US teens are online almost constantly, 94% US teens access Internet on mobile devices daily, 68% of US teens access Internet without mobile devices. It's not just teens, 79% of Americans use Facebook, 68% of online adults use Facebook, 62% of online adults 65 or older use Facebook, 59% of US adults use the Internet for at least one information-news platform. Broken out by age groups adults 50 to 64 years old 73% have a smart phone those over 65 years of age 46% have a smart phone. How does the WCC reach more people? We need to make our process more convenient and reach more of the people we represent. We have heard your concerns, how do we prevent people from voting multiple times? How can multiple people provide input if we have a single household email account? How do we validate-authenticate the ballots that we receive? Technology fails. I do not have a computer at home what are my options? How do we increase participation? Technology!  Within the DNR.  1. Migratory game bird public input participation increased by 400%, after an increase in social media presence.  2. CDAC's allow for online comment on recommendations.  3. Fisheries management using tablets for surveys and accurate uploads of data to fisheries database.  4. New Wild Wisconsin pod cast (You Tube series reaches over 13,000 people.)  5. Some fisheries biologist use online surveys for Lake Association input on Lake management.  Within the WCC.  1. Technology committee using social media to boost WCC online presence.  2. WCC 60 year veteran, Bill Howe, uses delegate profile survey online.  3. WCC usage document management system to track citizens resolutions.  As I said earlier this presentation is to outline some of what the committee has put together questions and answers from the floor are scheduled for tomorrow at 9:10 AM. Thank you for considering the committee's suggestions.  (A copy of the Power Point presentation is available, contact Congress liaison).</p>
ACTION	<p>Information only. No action taken.</p> <p>A motion by Grant County 2nd by Price County to suspend this session of convention until tomorrow. Motion carried session adjourned at 5:05 PM to reconvene Saturday, May 12, 2018 at 8:45 AM</p>
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## G. WCC State Convention Day 2 Saturday, May 12, 2018

Larry Bonde

DISCUSSION	The WCC state convention was called back into session at 8:45 AM by Chairman Larry Bonde. Roll call of counties was taken (see page 1). The delegates in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance.	
ACTION	As stated.	
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE		DEADLINE

## H. Announcement of the 2018-2019 Executive Committee.

Larry Bonde

DISCUSSION	The executive committee for the upcoming year is as follows: Larry Bonde Chairman Mike Riggle Vice Chairman Dale Maas Secretary Joe Weiss Historian Joel Taylor Outreach and Public Relations	
ACTION	Information only. No action taken.	
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE		DEADLINE

## 1. Update on Resolution Tracking Database

Mike Schmit

DISCUSSION	<p>Mike stated that the history committee and Congress leadership were in need of a method of tracking resolutions once they are entered into the system. The biggest issue was what happens to the resolutions after they go through the spring hearing process and what was the disposition. So many times they just hang out there and languish and then they come bubbling back to the surface a few years later and nobody can figure what happened to the process.</p> <p>Prior to 2008 we basically just have giant shelves with files sitting on them and they just sit there. If you need information on a specific resolution and you know the number either Kari and I go into the archives and look through stacks and stacks of papers to find out the final disposition (maybe) going back 84 years, you can tell that this is not efficient. On average the Congress receives approximately 200 to 220 resolutions a year. This year we were well over 300 so the task becomes even more daunting. After 2008 we started scanning in all the resolutions and keeping them in an electronic form but that's not really the answer, when it comes to indexing and retrieving them. He can still do some keyword searches off of the documents on the computer but it is not efficient. In 2016 he was approached to see what kind of systems were available for document management. He met with the history ad hoc committee and discussed what options were available not just to their committee but basically on a statewide basis for open records investigation if needed. Many options were investigated but recently the state bought a program that would allow the manipulation and the openness needed for what we were trying to accomplish for both internal and external users. The sweet part of the deal is the whole state is moving to this storage system. We as a group are on the way, we pitched our proposal to the leadership within the department and the Congress and everyone agreed this is what was needed to move forward. We currently have documents scanned in from 2008 to 2018 for all typed resolutions. The big issue is for the handwritten ones we are not able to recognize those through the scanning process.</p> <p>Where do we go next, we are meeting with our department of administration specialists to help design the access portal to allow open use of this process. We hope sometime in late June or July to upload what we currently have scanned in and test the system. In the future we are actually going to start working backwards through the backlog of records eventually getting back to 1934.</p> <p>What does this mean for you, it highlights the need for typewritten resolutions if we don't have that it significantly reduces the online discovery process given the recognition software. Some additional benefits are when your constituents call and want to know, you can point them to a link and let them discover for themselves. It will also make it easier for study committees to go back into past records in order to avoid duplication. It will also let leadership know if a position has been taken on a specific topic no matter how long ago. In addition it will be a great tool for department staff so that they can check, for example how many times resolutions were submitted about blinds on public lands. They are going to be able to access this on their own without going through a 3rd party. Mike said he would keep people apprised of the progress on this, obviously they don't have everything in place yet but it is in motion. He hopes by this coming fall that there will be a process in place that we can actually utilize.</p>	
ACTION	Information only. No action taken.	
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE		DEADLINE

## I. Online Voting Exploratory Committee Discussion and Action

Paul Reith and Mark Schultz

DISCUSSION	<p>Larry stated that this portion of the discussion is currently only for questions and answers at the end a will be taken.</p> <p>Jefferson County was recognized and asked, if we as a Congress go in opposition of the summary of the state wide vote are we going to get a black eye?</p> <p>The comment was that we are representing the vested interests of our constituents.</p> <p>Outagamie County was recognized and asked, can we shorten the comment to 2 days? And can we make it more of a survey rather than a vote?</p> <p>Answer to the 1st question was when the question comes to the floor you can make a recommendation to change that. On the 2nd question we are the people that started to call it a vote, it is not a binding referendum it is an opinion poll. It is just an opinion but has never been considered a mandate.</p> <p>Vilas County recognized, did the committee consider a sunset clause?</p> <p>Answer technology is constantly changing but did we consider calling for a sunset clause? No, if you're asking if it doesn't work if there are problems that come up we have the ability to adjust and make changes and interpret the information that we receive off of the polling.</p> <p>Oneida County recognized, whatever the final decision is on the time for the survey to be opened the question was will the survey then be removed from the system upon expiration of the time?</p> <p>Answer, the survey will have a definitive stop time and that will be preset in advance. This type of survey we would take down every year and reestablish a new one for the next year at the appropriate time.</p> <p>La Crosse County recognized, given that this was apparently brought on by the pending doom of our current voting equipment and that's not the case now. Given the fact that online voting is going to happen at some point in time has there been any thought to delaying this for a year to get the bugs out? There is no impending doom at least for another year for our balloting process.</p> <p>Answer 2018-19 will be the last year that we can conduct business as in the past. Larry stated that last year we pushed it back a year in order for the exploratory committee to do the research that's before us today.</p> <p>La Crosse County; he feels that there are some gray areas on how we handle out-of-state participants and how we interpret their input and feels that we need to clarify that more before committing to this process.</p> <p>Answer; the reason these individuals were grouped with the whole state was because there was a danger of adding an additional segment different than what we currently have. The concept is to take baby steps and only let one number be changed and see what the ramifications are of that. If there is a need in the future to break it out can certainly do that but the smallest change you have the better ability you have to control and interpret that change. Larry stated that currently nonresidents vote and they are not singled out from a resident vote. Paul stated that the committee was given a task by the leadership of this Congress and they tried to stay focused.</p> <p>Price County called for a point of order: they believe we have gone well past the question and answer period and have moved into the discussion. And there was a motion by Price County to endorse online voting. The parliamentarian ruled this motion out of order at this time as the chair stated that this was part was specifically for questions and answers and that upon completion of that then a motion would be in order. The chair declared the motion out of order. The counties that have already been recognized to asked questions will be allowed to discuss. The counties that are currently recognized are, Clark, Washington, Vilas, Pierce, Sheboygan, Milwaukee, Jefferson, Rusk, Marquette, Winnebago and Calumet.</p> <p>Question Clark County, wants Clarification on online voting or survey what is it?</p> <p>Answer, we have called it a vote but it's really not it's an opinion. When we designed the system that gave people an option of a yes or no vote rather than a hand count they have maybe been led to believe it was a vote but it truly is an opinion. If it truly was a referendum then why are we here? If it was binding there would be no opportunity for us to make changes which is the whole reason for our existence.</p> <p>The 2nd question is obviously the people that are online are not going to be able to vote for delegate representation is that true?</p> <p>Answer, there are no changes to this part of the process. You have to be at the hearing and a resident of that county in order to vote on a delegate and you have to be at the hearing to present a resolution.</p> <p>Washburn County question, why would we allow any vote from somebody outside of our state when we have no right to vote on what happens in their state? The 2nd question is if this is such a good idea why aren't the states using this to vote for public officials?</p> <p>Answer, the reason that out-of-state voting is allowed is we are governed by the opens meetings law and that allows anybody that is impacted by decisions that are made are allowed to have a voice if you hunt fish recreate in the state although you're not a resident you could be impacted. This isn't a vote, it's not an election it is an opinion with the exception of local delegate elections. In the political arena it is a different story.</p> <p>Question Washington County, could someone explain why 3 days as a time limit?</p> <p>Answer, it was an effort to allow people more time to provide input depending on their situation and work schedule. We thought 3 days was reasonable.</p> <p>Question Pierce County, have you had the opportunity to do a cost analysis program and where would the money come from?</p> <p>Answer, there would be very little to no cost since the department already has the license for Survey Monkey to allow this to happen.</p> <p>Question Sheboygan County, they have no question that this is mechanically possible, so now we have all these people not coming to the spring hearings down the road, how are we to elect delegates and receive resolutions?</p> <p>Answer, we made no changes to the delegate election in the resolution process as a committee, if we have a dramatic drop in attendance then we will have to address that at that time, this particular issue was not in the scope of the committee assignment.</p> <p>Question Milwaukee County, if the family has one computer and 6 people are eligible to comment how does that process work?</p>
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	<p>Answer, each time an individual logs onto the survey after getting a unique county code, (this is for those that attend the meeting and then return home to fill out the questionnaire) their input would be part of the county numbers. Anyone not attending and getting that unique code could conceivably vote multiple times on a home computer but it's pretty easy to find out if somebody voted 20 times off of the same computer.</p> <p>Question Winnebago County, was there any discussion about testing this on a advisory question year versus a is making here?</p> <p>Answer, Congress questions are always advisory.</p> <p>Question Clark County, how can you say that this process will be available at all 72 counties in the state?</p> <p>Answer, this process is available wired and wireless throughout the state. And you still have the state hearings.</p> <p>Question La Crosse County, in our code of procedure the terminology "vote" is used, would you have any problem dividing the numbers up into a few different categories? Suggesting; those that attend, those that attend and go home and fill out, those that have a customer ID and reply on line, those out-of-state with a customer ID that reply and those that reply from out-of-state without a customer ID.</p> <p>Answers, there is no doubt that we have the ability to mine data about some of those that reply, there may be some legal hurdles through the company that we contract with but that can be developed, publishing the data would be less of a problem because it is too generalized you're not giving a address of who replied from whatever segment of the community they were from.</p> <p>Publishing data also helps the Congress maintain transparency in showing the public what criteria they utilize in their decision making. There are pros and cons with all aspects of this proposal and it would be something that this body would have to weigh in on.</p> <p>Question Fond du Lac County, delegate is confused that at a previous meeting you said that you can control the number of people that voted off of the computer now you say multiple people can weigh-in what is correct?</p> <p>Answer, in order to be counted as a county vote you need to have the unique identification number issued to only one individual at the meeting. Only one person can use that unique number and then it becomes invalid but again that tally only goes into the county tally. If they don't have that it goes into the statewide vote. Our IT people have the ability to make some sense out of the information drops currently from IP addresses. They can tell the date and time of the submission and it is quite easy to identify if somebody has set up a robot to skew the numbers.</p> <p>Question Washburn County, are we depriving online voters the ability to submit resolutions ? Is this a legal issue?</p> <p>Answer, currently under department policy an individual has to submit a resolution in person and this proposal does not change that. Does that present a legal problem in your opinion, no because the individual always has the opportunity to attend the meeting. I want to stress that this is just a starting place for this process there will be a giant adjustment needed as we move forward. If that is the case and this body sees a need to change the resolution policy and (it is a policy not the law) then this is a discussion that we can bring up depending upon the issues down the road.</p>	
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PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE		DEADLINE

## 1. Continuation of Discussion Above

[PRESENTER]

DISCUSSION	<p>I've heard the term disenfranchise use frequently over the last couple of days, I would remind you that this is not a referendum but a tool to gather information. It is not in a legal sense a referendum the reason we use a ballot is because it is a means to gather a large amount of data with the simplest tools possible.</p> <p>As long as we have provided a means for a person to participate we have satisfied the law. If a person chooses to participate online and does not have the ability to submit a resolution that is a choice they have made. We have still provided them an opportunity to submit a resolution the qualifier for that is that they have to do it in person.</p> <p>Question Milwaukee County, the delegate comes from a community with millions of voters and is wondering if Survey Monkey has the ability to accommodate?</p> <p>Answer, yes.</p> <p>Will the data be available to the general public?</p> <p>Answer, yes that is correct.</p> <p>Chairman Bonde stated that as their are no further questions he would entertain a motion on the subject.</p> <p>Motion by Price County 2nd by Door County to accept the recommendation of the online voting committee.</p> <p>Discussion:</p> <p>La Crosse County poses the following amendment that we request the Zip Code of anyone submitting an online survey.</p> <p>Motion by La Crosse County 2nd by Racine County to advance amendment. The paddle vote showed 47 yes 16 no. Motion carried amendment passes.</p> <p>Now returning on discussion for the original motion as amended, Jefferson County is concerned that the legislature is going to look at these numbers and interpret them in an entirely different way than we've been talking about.</p> <p>Columbia County respectfully requests a roll call vote on the main motion so there is no issue with paddles or voice votes.</p> <p>Lincoln County, his concern is that because the Congress is advisory to the NRB if we go with the online survey the NRB will not find any use for the Conservation Congress they can go directly to the survey.</p> <p>Vilas County moves 2nd by Oconto County to amend the amended motion to change the open time from 3 days to 24 hours.</p> <p>Paddle vote showed 28 yes 36 no. Motion failed.</p>
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La Crosse County, feels there are still too many unanswered questions and urges a no vote since we were told that we still have the current ballot machines for next year.

Answer, Kari responded that is not correct that the current ballot machines have been decertified. The discussion was that in 2018 we would continue with a paper ballot but then we would have to take them to an accounting service that would write a program for accumulating that data, this was a one time proposal.

Oconto County, motion by Oconto County 2nd by Columbia County for an amendment to include a three-year review of this process in writing. After much discussion Oconto County and Columbia County accepted a friendly amendment to change the motion to a one year review in writing. A paddle vote showed 57 yes 6 no. Motion carried the amendment passes.

There was much discussion by various counties both pro and con on the issue. The final comment came from the Clark County delegation suggesting that action on this particular item should not be considered rushed, any time you take over a year to formulate data prior to making a decision you can't call it rushed.

We will now have a county roll call vote on the motion to advance the committee's proposal with 2 amendments 1) a requirement to add a Zip Code to any of the online polling. 2) that an annual review of this process be made in writing and presented to this body.

The roll call vote showed (66) counties voting yes, (4) counties absent, and (2) counties voting no. Motion carried as amended.

## ACTION

### PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE

### DEADLINE

## J. Proposed Code of Procedure Changes

Tony Blattner, Rules and Resolution  
Committee Co-chair

DISCUSSION	<p>Tony requested that the delegates go to the code of procedures in the convention book tab 4 page 12 (J.) (3.) This change proposes to change the wording to add: you shall notify the committee chair or vice chair no less than 5 days prior to the scheduled committee meeting date to confirm your attendance.</p> <p>Motion by Price County 2nd by Door County to advance. Motion carried.</p> <p>Page 16 top of page (3.) Add after the words telephone number, email (optional). Motion by Lincoln County 2nd by Dodge County to advance. Motion carried.</p> <p>Tony stated he would not go through the committee reports even though they worked very hard this year again but due to the shortage of time for us to get out of the hall he suggested you look at the minutes of the meeting online.</p> <p>A motion by Columbia County 2nd by Outagamie County to concur with the assignment of the resolutions to the appropriate committee.</p> <p>Discussion, the District Leadership Council has requested that (2) resolutions be assigned to them they are: (080318) having to do with the use of underwater cameras for spearing Lake Sturgeon on Lake Winnebago and (680318) the Long-tailed Duck.</p> <p>Motion by Door County 2nd by Sauk County to advance. Motion carried.</p> <p>Douglas County requesting (2) resolutions to be brought to the floor of the convention (160118), (160218) both resolutions pertaining to improving safeguards for the spread of CWD and CWD action recommendations. Motion by Douglas County 2nd by Barron County to advance. Motion carried.</p> <p>Hearing no other request for amendments, Larry called the question on the approval of the assignment by resolutions committee as amended. Motion carried.</p> <p>There was one resolution assigned to the floor of the convention besides the past 2we just changed, resolution (150318) this has to do with White Fish Dunes State Park a proposed launch ramp and safe harbor, out of Door County. This resolution only asked that the possibility of a safe harbor boat ramp be included in the master plan. Motion by Door County 2nd by Dane County to advance. Congress member and resolution author Dick Baudhuin commented on the resolution. He stated that this is a request to add it to the master planning document at this time a feasibility study needs to take place but if it's not part of the planning document chances are it will not be considered. He stated that between Sturgeon Bay and Baileys Harbor there is no safe boat launch ramp and that is approximately 25 miles. This proposal has the support of the local townships and the Wisconsin Wildlife Federation, He is asking for the Congress to support it also. Motion carried.</p> <p>Resolution (160118) titled improve safeguards to prevent the spread of CWD.</p> <p>Motion by Sawyer County 2nd by Douglas County to advance. Motion carried.</p> <p>Resolution (160218) titled CWD action recommendations.</p> <p>Motion by Douglas County 2nd by Sawyer County to advance. Motion carried.</p>
ACTION	As stated.
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## III. MEMBERS MATTERS

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DISCUSSION	<p>Dane County, suggested a change to the Code of Procedure to make the phone number optional also.</p> <p>Eau Claire County, making the Congress aware of a CWD issue in their county and the fact that they are a part of a pilot project. A new committee comprised of the 6 counties affected by this. Their hope is to come up with some ideas that will help out statewide.</p> <p>Washington County, request that the Youth Congress Advisory Committee be made a permanent committee from its current ad hoc status. Larry stated that the request will be addressed at the next DLC meeting.</p> <p>La Crosse County, is requesting that a little more time be allocated for the DLC election process, this would allow for a question and answer session. Just 5 or 10 minutes extra would be beneficial. Larry stated that what he had asked for was the Rules and Resolutions Committee to review that process because there was not a uniform application between the 9 districts. He stated that a proposed code of procedure change will also be dealt with next week at the DLC meeting. Tony Blattler commented that the Rules Committee is recommending that each candidate have an opportunity for up to 3 minutes if they so choose to present themselves.</p>
ACTION	<p>Motion by Ozaukee County 2nd by Monroe County to adjourn. Motion carried.</p>

### IV. ADJOURNMENT

MEETING ADJOURNED	11:23 AM
SUBMITTED BY	Dale C. Maas
DATE	06/20/2018